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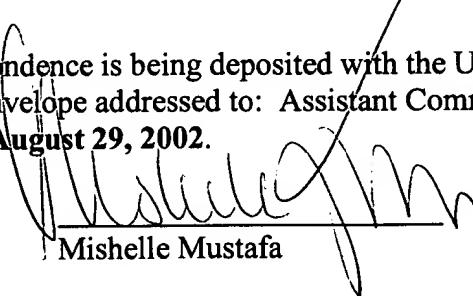
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent EP 0793 184 A2, published September 3, 1997;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,774,661, dated June 30, 1998;
3. Workflow Management Coalition, (1996) "Workflow Management Coalition Workflow Standard-Interoperability",
<http://www.aiim.org/wfmc/mainframe.htm>: 13-14;

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4. E.M. Verharen, et al., (1998) "Introducing Contracting In Distributed Transactional Workflows", Proceedings of the thirty-first Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (CAT. No. 98TB100216), Kohala Coast: 324-333 Vol. 7;
5. A. Dan, et al., (1998), "The Coyote Project: Framework for Multi-party E-Commerce", Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries. Second European Conference, ECDL'98. Proceedings, Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries: 873-889;
6. Yu Lei, et al., (1998), "Supporting distributed corporate planning through new coordination technologies", Proceedings Ninth International Workshop on Database and Expert Systems Applications: 559-565.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the European Patent Office, dated June 11, 1999. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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